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# **HannibalAmateurRadioClubNews—WØKEM**



## **2021 HARC OFFICERS**

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## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

**AUGUST 11, 2021**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!**

**We will be meeting at the Community Hall at the store in Rensselaer, Mo.  
Take RT 36 west approximately 9 miles, Turn Left onto Route H, go 2 miles and  
Turn Right onto Mark Twain Drive. Look for the village store on the left,**

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## **MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – AUGUST 2021**

**STEVE - KDØYTH**

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## **SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2021**

### **DATES FOR 2021 :**

**October, 13, 2021**

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Ed Turner at 573-541-9130, or [n0wnv.et@gmail.com](mailto:n0wnv.et@gmail.com). If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening.

The 2020 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting.

**WALK INS ARE WELCOME.**

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### **HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**



**Hannibal Amateur Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Rocky Shrum KEØKCR, Secretary**



**HARC Monthly Meeting**

**July 14, 2021**

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order by Don KDØHHN at 7pm with 7 members and 1 guest present.

**Introductions:**

Introductions of the members and our guest, Joe Lauletta, W6JFL, were done.

**Proposals for membership:**

Don read the application of Joe Lauletta, W6JFL. He holds a Technician license and recently moved here from California. He is retired Chief Gunners Mate from the US Navy. Has been in Law Enforcement for over 7 years, was offered the chance for Paramedic school and has been one for 16 years. He is currently employed full time as a Paramedic for the Ralls County Ambulance district. A motion was made by Ken, KEØKCQ, and seconded by Cliff, KØCA, to accept Joe as a member. The motion carried.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

There were no changes or corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting. With no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Al, N9MAF, and seconded by Dave, KBØRZN to accept the minutes as posted. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ken, KEØKCQ, gave the following treasurer's report:

Last month's checking balance: \$ 2237.40

This month's checking balance: \$ 2237.40

CD balance :           \$ 1341.28

Petty cash:            \$ 40.00

Total club assets   \$ 3618.61

A motion was made by Dave KBØRZN, and seconded by Jody, KEØOAA, to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

**Repeaters:**

Al, N9MAF, reported that the repeaters are performing as expected. He went over both repeaters yesterday and performed a power standing wave check and everything is working as they should. He cleaned up the terminals on the batteries on the 88 machine. He also did

an emergency backup test by unplugging the units and letting them run on battery power, and both repeaters were working fine. He doesn't know how long the units would last on battery power, however. Ed, NØWNV, asked when was the last time the batteries were changed out. Al said that the 625 machine has a new deep cycle marine battery for its backup. it should last 8 to 10 hours unless there is a lot of heavy use. The 880 machine has several Gel Cell batteries that were brand new in 2017. Being gel cell units, they should last a lot longer. The 625 battery is only about 6 months old. He has not been working on the computer programming for 880, he will get with Jody, KEØOAA soon to work on that.

### Old Business:

Field Day: Cliff, KØCA, reported that we had 5 members operate this year. They were Larry, WB2UFO; Cliff, KØCA; Al, N9MAF; Tony NØNPA; and Chet, WØCCR. He believes there were 3 operators from the Quincy club. Al said he made contacts on all bands, including a 6 meter one from France. Cliff also reported that Jim, N9JF was one of the Quincy stations, and he usually has a good score on the CW portion of Field Day. Everyone who filed asked that the club be given the credit for their scores, so we will see how we fare. Hopefully next year we will have someplace we can operate from, and get back to a more normal Field Day. We currently have enough participating to do a combined group, but not enough to do separate groups as in the past. Bands were funny, on Saturday, HF was 20 meters and down and on Sunday 6 and 10 meters opened up.

DX Engineering: Don, KDØHHN, reported that he checked and DX does have a you-tube channel with the videos available. unfortunately we do not have wi-fi at our current meeting location. We could see about downloading some of the videos onto a zip drive and then viewing them at a meeting, or having a hotspot from a phone to view them. It was also mentioned before of the possibility of meeting at the City of Hannibal court room as it is not used on Wednesday nights. That option would probably give us wi-fi access to view the videos. Ken, KEØKCQ, will check into the possibility of moving the meeting to that facility. Ken also mentioned that he had been talking to Rocky, KEØKCR, and the person

that handles the booking of the facility we are now at has said that the club has that facility on the second Wednesday so any other group that wants to use the facility can do so, just not on our meeting night.

### **New Business:**

**Severe Weather:** Don, KDØHHN mentioned that with the surge in severe weather and the damage it has been causing, he is asking that when the National Weather Service, Code Red, or whomever issues a weather statement, that all members turn your radios on, if not already and monitor the 625 repeater in case he has to activate a net. He is also working on setting up a region wide spotter network using ham operators. He would also like to see about setting up classes and see if the weather would give incentive to people to get their license.

**COVID-19:** He also reported that the Delta variant of the COVID virus is sweeping through the country, Springfield, Mo area is being overwhelmed because of this. If we need to we will consider going back to contactless meetings, either by Zoom, 625 machine or whatever. The Delta strain he hitting elderly, young and especially the unvaccinated. He will keep everyone apprised of the situation. Also discussion that it looks like the COVID vaccine will be like a flu shot with a booster needed every year. Cliff reported that Hannibal Regional Hospital is doing shots every Tuesday. Al reported that Grand Pharmacy has the Johnson and Johnson version of the shots. so there are places people can go to get them.

**Secretary:** We are still in need of someone to take over the Secretary duties. Main thing is to take the minutes, maybe write an occasional letter and check mail.

A question was brought up by ED, NØWNV about National Weather having ham operators back at their facility. As far as it is known,

they still are there. Don mentioned the use of NWS chat, which is a realtime chat room that they use for severe weather. They also monitor Eolia repeater, 625 machine, Quincy repeater. NWS chat is restricted to ham operators who run a weather net and this is how Don is able to access the program.

**50/50:** Was won by Dave who donated back

With no other business, a motion was made by Al, N9MAF and seconded by Jody, KEØOAA to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM

**Reminder on dues for the year.**

**HARC    Dues: \$20 (\$5 additional per family member**

**P.O. Box 1522, Hannibal, Mo 63401**

**\*New hams get their first year membership free\***

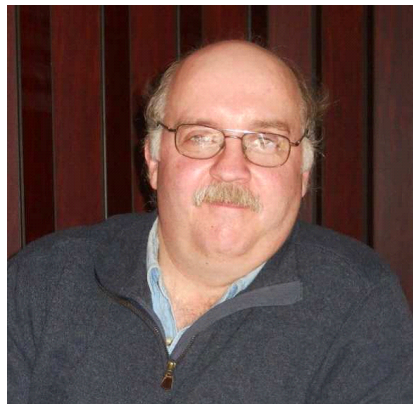
You may also pay at the club meeting please see Kenny (KEOKCQ)

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**BY DON VARY KDØHHN**



Hello all, first off I would like to welcome our newest member, Joe Lauletta, W6JFL. It's nice to see new members join the club and bring new experiences and maybe some new ideas. Welcome Joe!!! As I mentioned in the minutes, when you hear storm warnings or watches, please monitor the 625 repeater in case a weather net is called. NWS, the local media and Emergency Management all depend on our boots on the ground for accurate reports, and as the FCC regs say, emergency operations is part of what we do and why we are here.

Also as I mentioned, COVID is still here and the Delta variant is spreading like wildfire. Depending on how things progress, we may go back to contactless



meetings either on the 625 machine or via Zoom . I will keep everyone apprised. Stay safe and stay on the cool side of the door.

73  
Don

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To all radio amateurs

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The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral  
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to all.

CROATIA, 9A. A group of operators will be QRV as 9A0CI from Vis  
Island, IOTA EU-016, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via bureau.

OMAN, A4. A group of operators are QRV as A44M from Masirah Island,  
IOTA AS-014, until July 27. They will be active as A43MI in the  
RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via LoTW.

CHINA, BY. A large group of operators are QRV as BI4SSB from Kaishan Island, IOTA AS-135. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. They will be active as B4T in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via BA4TB.

ESTONIA, ES. Yuris, YL2GM and Ziedonis, YL2GN are QRV as ES6JP/0 and ES6TZ/0, respectively, from Hiiumaa Island, IOTA EU-034, until July 25. This includes being entries in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home calls.

GUERNSEY, GJ. Members of the Three A's Contest Group are QRV as MP5A from Alderney Island, IOTA EU-114, and will be a Multi Op entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via G3TXF.

SCOTLAND, GM. Col, MM0NDX and Jonathan, MM0OKG are QRV as MS0INT from Horse Island, IOTA EU-092. They will be active as GM5DX in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL GM5DX via EB7DX and MS0INT via LoTW.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HI. Special event station HI95RCD is QRV until the end of 2021 to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the Dominican Radio Club. Activity is on 160 meters to 70 centimeters using CW, SSB, FM, and FT8. QSL direct to RW6HS.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. A group of operators are QRV as D70EXPO from Pukkyongnyolbi Island, IOTA AS-080. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters. This includes being an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via LoTW.

PANAMA, HP. Operators HP2AT and HP2NG are QRV as 3F200AT and 3F200NG, respectively, until November 30 to celebrate the bicentennial of the independence of Panama from Spain. QSL via LoTW.

ITALY, I. Station IF9A will be a 24 Hours/Assisted/CW/Low Power entry from Favignana Island, IOTA EU-054, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via IT9ATF.

ST. VINCENT, J8. Brian, GW4DVB is QRV as J88PI from Palm Island, IOTA NA-025, until August 1. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB, FT8, and some CW. QSL direct to home call.

ALASKA, KL7. Henry, NL0H will be QRV from St. Lawrence Island, IOTA NA-040, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via M0OXO.

FAROE ISLANDS, OY. Carsten, OY1CT, will be QRV from Streymoy Island, IOTA EU-018, as a Single Op/CW/High Power entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. Activity will be on 20 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

GREECE, SV. Spiros, SV8CS and Norbert, OM6NM will be QRV as SV8CS from Zante Island, IOTA EU-052, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via SV8CS.

CRETE, SV9. SV9RNG plans to be QRV from Crete, IOTA EU-015, in the RSGB IOTA contest as an All Band entry. QSL via LZ1YE.

ASIATIC RUSSIA, UA0. A group of operators are QRV as RI0FWA from Kunashir Island, IOTA AS-025, until July 29. This includes being an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via LoTW.

VANUATU, YJ. Rod, YJ8RN is QRV from Emae Island, IOTA OC-111, until July 27. Activity is on 40, 30, and 20 meters using mostly FT8. This includes being an entry in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL via NZ4DX.

VENEZUELA, YV. Mayra, YV7MAY plans to be QRV from Margarita Island, IOTA SA-012, in the RSGB IOTA contest. QSL to home call.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The RSGB IOTA Contest, QRP 20-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC RTTY Sprint, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test and the ARS Flight of the Bumblebees are all on tap for this weekend.

The K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, QCX CW Challenge and RSGB FT4 Contest Series are all scheduled for July 26.

The Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest and RTTYOPS Weeksprint are scheduled for July 27.

The SKCC CW Sprint, Phone Fray, and CWops Mini-CWT Test are all scheduled for July 28.

Please see July QST, page 73, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.

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